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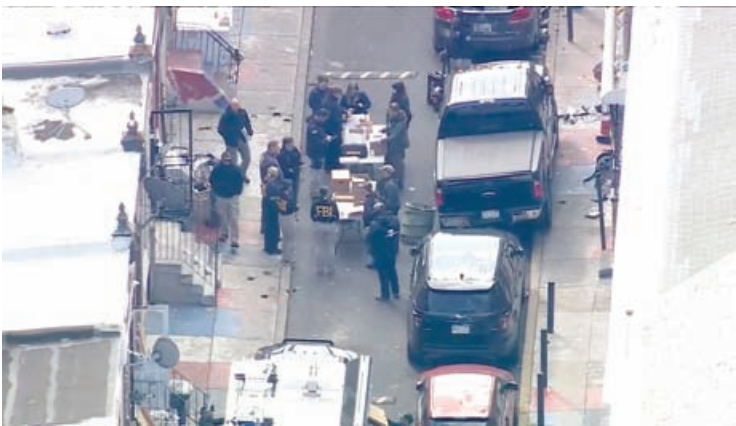


FBI indicts dozens of people in Philadelphia on drug charges

Associated Press
PHILADELPHIA (AP) — More than two dozen people have been indicted on drug-related charges as part of a yearslong investigation into a gang in Philadelphia, the Federal Bureau of Investigation announced Friday. Cocaine, fentanyl and heroin were sold in the Kensington area in "one of the most prolific drug blocks in the city" from Jan. 2016 to Oct. 2025, according to the indictment. The charges come as President Donald Trump scales up federal law enforcement operations around the U.S. to crack down on crime, though rates have gone down in recent years in cities including Philadelphia. "We have permanently removed a drug trafficking organization out of the

streets of Philadelphia, and they're going to stop pouring guns and chemicals and drugs into our communities," said FBI Director Kash Patel at a news conference Friday, touting collaboration between federal and local law enforcement. The group of 33 people were charged with 41 counts related to drug distribution, and the indictment said they maintained control of the area through violence and threats against rivals. "This takedown is how you safeguard America from coast to coast," he added. Parts of Trump's efforts to mobilize federal law enforcement have garnered blowback as national guard troops and armed federal agents have patrolled city streets, conducted sweeping immigration enforce-

ment and at times used violent tactics against protesters. The main area where the gang operated was essentially "owned" by Jose Antonio Morales Nieves, 45, known as "Flaco," the indictment says. Other members paid him "rent" to sell drugs there. More than 20 people were arrested Friday. Members had assigned shifts and "well-defined" roles such as setting up a schedule at all hours for the block, managing money, looking out for police, resupplying drugs and carrying out violence against rival gangs, the indictment says. "For too long, the Weymouth Street drug trafficking organization flooded the streets of Kensington with drugs and terrorized residents with horrific acts of violence and in-



FBI agents are outside a building after a raid in the Kensington section of Philadelphia on Friday, Oct. 24, 2025.

Associated Press.

timidation," Wayne Jacobs, the Philadelphia FBI, said Friday. "That ended today." □

Flights to Los Angeles International Airport halted due to air traffic controller shortage



Transportation Secretary Sean Duffy speaks to reporters on day 23 of the government shutdown as he is joined by, from left, Rep. Lisa McClain, R-Mich., House Majority Whip Tom Emmer, R-Minn., and Speaker of the House Mike Johnson, R-La., at a news conference at the Capitol in Washington, Thursday, Oct. 23, 2025.

Associated Press.

By The Associated Press
(AP)—The Federal Aviation Administration said flights departing for Los Angeles International Airport were halted Sunday morning due to a staffing shortage at a Southern California air traffic facility. The FAA issued a temporary ground stop at one of the world's busiest airports soon after U.S. Transportation Secretary Sean Duffy predicted that travelers would see more flights delayed and canceled in the coming days as the nation's air traffic controllers work without pay during the federal government shutdown. During an appearance on the Fox News program "Sunday Morning Futures," Duffy said more controllers were calling in sick as money worries compound the stress of an already challenging job. "Just yester-

day, ... we had 22 staffing triggers. That's one of the highest that we have seen in the system since the shutdown began. And that's a sign that the controllers are wearing thin," he said. The FAA said planes headed for Los Angeles were held at their originating airports starting at 11:42 a.m. Eastern time, causing delays averaging an hour and 40 minutes. The agency said it expected to lift the ground stop at 1:30 p.m. Eastern time but might continue to restrict traffic into LAX. Staffing shortages also caused takeoff and arrival disruptions Sunday at New Jersey's Newark Liberty International Airport and Teterboro Airport, and at Southwest Florida International Airport in Fort Meyers, Florida, according to the FAA. □



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Trump threatens Canada with 10% extra import tax for not pulling down anti-tariffs ad sooner

By **MARK SCHIEFELBEIN**

Associated Press

ABOARD AIR FORCE ONE (AP)

— President Donald Trump said on Saturday that he plans to hike tariffs on imports of Canadian goods by an extra 10% because of an anti-tariff television ad aired by the province of Ontario. The ad used the words of former President Ronald Reagan to criticize U.S. tariffs, angering Trump who said he would end trade talks with Canada. Ontario Premier Doug Ford said he would pull the ad after the weekend, and it ran Friday and Saturday during the first two games of the World Series. "Their Advertisement was to be taken down, IMMEDIATELY, but they let it run last night during the World Series, knowing that it was a FRAUD," Trump said in a post on his Truth Social platform as he flew aboard Air Force One to Malaysia.

"Because of their serious misrepresentation of the facts, and hostile act, I am increasing the Tariff on Canada by 10% over and above what they are paying now." It was unclear what legal authority Trump would use to impose the additional



President Donald Trump speaks with reporters aboard Air Force One at Al Udeid Air Base in Doha, Qatar, Saturday, Oct. 25, 2025.

Associated Press.

import taxes. The White House did not immediately respond to a request for comment on when the 10% hike would come into effect, and whether it would apply to all Canadian goods. Dominic LeBlanc, the Canadian minister responsible for trade issues with the U.S., tried to draw a distinction by pointing out in a statement that the responsibility

for negotiations rests with Canada's federal government, not provincial leaders. "Progress is best achieved through direct engagement with the U.S. administration," he said. Canada's economy has been hit hard by Trump's tariffs, and Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney has been trying to work with Trump to lower them. More

than three-quarters of Canadian exports go to the U.S., and nearly \$3.6 billion Canadian (\$2.7 billion U.S.) worth of goods and services cross the border daily. Spokespersons for Carney and Ford did not immediately respond to requests for comment. Many Canadian products have been hit with a 35% tariff, while steel and aluminum

face rates of 50%. Energy products have a lower rate of 10%, while the vast majority of goods are covered by the U.S.-Canada-Mexico Agreement, and are exempt from tariffs. That trade agreement is slated for review. Trump negotiated the deal in his first term, but has since soured on it.

Trump and Carney will both attend the Association of Southeast Asian Nations summit in Malaysia. But Trump told reporters traveling with him that he had no intention of meeting Carney there. Trump said the ad misrepresented the position of Reagan, a two-term president and a beloved figure in the Republican Party. But Reagan was wary of tariffs and used much of the 1987 address featured in Ontario's ad spelling out the case against tariffs.

Trump has complained the ad was aimed at influencing the U.S. Supreme Court ahead of arguments scheduled for next month that could decide whether Trump has the power to impose his sweeping tariffs, a key part of his economic strategy. Lower courts had ruled he had exceeded his authority. □

Democratic Gov. Gavin Newsom of California says he'll consider presidential run after 2026 midterms

By **ADRIANA GOMEZ LICON**
Associated Press

(AP)—California Gov. Gavin Newsom, a leading Democratic critic of President Donald Trump, says he will consider running for the White House in 2028 after the midterm elections next year.

Asked in an interview with "CBS Sunday Morning" whether it would be fair to say he would give a campaign serious thought after the November 2026 vote, the term-limited governor said, "I'd be lying otherwise."

Newsom has been trying to raise his national profile, adopting a combative style that parodies Trump's social media strategy with similar all-caps posts, memes and merchandise.

The Democratic governor has sparred with the Republican president over the deployment of the California National Guard following immigration protests and Trump's redistricting moves in Texas. Newsom has also led a campaign to redraw California's own maps to add five Democratic U.S. House seats in response to the changes in Texas. Voting is underway on the so-called Proposition 50 and concludes Nov. 4.

"I'm looking forward to who presents themselves in 2028 and who meets that moment. And that's the question for the American people," he said in the interview that aired Sunday.

The feud between Trump and Newsom does not seem like it's going away

anytime soon. On Thursday, Trump acknowledged he had agreed to halt a planned show of federal force planned for this weekend in San Francisco after appeals from tech executives and the mayor. Newsom was mayor of San Francisco between 2004 and 2011.

In the interview, Newsom described Trump as an "invasive species."

"He's a wrecking ball. Not just the symbolism and substance of the East Wing," Newsom said, referring to the demolition of that part of the White House to build a ballroom. "He's wrecking alliances, truth, trust, tradition, institutions."

Earlier this year, Newsom launched a podcast in an effort to brand himself as a



California Gov. Gavin Newsom speaks during a news conference Thursday, Aug. 14, 2025, in Los Angeles.

Associated Press.

centrist. During the show, he has held conversations with influential figures all across the political spectrum, from late conservative Charlie Kirk, who was assassinated on a college campus tour, as well as for-

mer Trump strategist Steve Bannon, to Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz, who was former Vice President Kamala Harris' 2024 running mate, and U.S. Rep. Jasmine Crockett, a Texas Democrat. □

East Timor joins ASEAN in bloc's first expansion since the 1990s

By **DAVID RISING, EILEEN NG and CHRIS MEGERIAN**
Associated Press

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) — The Association of Southeast Asian Nations welcomed East Timor as its newest member Sunday, which its prime minister said was a “dream realized” for the tiny nation. Meanwhile, Cambodia and Thailand signed an agreement expanding a ceasefire on their borders with the hope it will lead to a lasting peace. “Today, history is made,” Prime Minister Xanana Gusmao told the other leaders as the flag of East Timor, also known as Timor Leste, was added to the other 10 on the stage at a formal ceremony in Kuala Lumpur.

It was ASEAN's first expansion since the 1990s and was more than a decade in the making.

“For the people of Timor Leste this is not only a dream realized, but a powerful affirmation of our journey — one marked by resilience, determination and hope,” he said. The ceremony marked the opening of ASEAN's annual summit, followed by two days of high-level engagements with key partners including China, Japan, India, Australia, Russia, South Korea and the U.S.

Membership in ASEAN could help the one of world's poorest countries grow East Timor's accession to



East Timor's President Jose Ramos-Horta, left, and Indonesian President Prabowo Subianto greet each other during the 47th ASEAN summit opening ceremony in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, Sunday, Oct. 26, 2025.

Associated Press.

ASEAN gives the country, which has just 1.4 million people and a GDP of around \$2 billion, better access to an economic community of nations with some 680 million people and a \$3.8 trillion economy.

Malaysian Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim, whose country holds the bloc's rotating chairmanship, said East Timor's accession “completes the ASEAN family, the affirming of our shared destiny and deep sense of regional kinship.”

He said ASEAN's goal was to “pursue growth that is

both resilient and fair, and to safeguard the welfare of generations to come.”

The integration of the region's youngest nation, and one of its poorest, demonstrates ASEAN's “inclusivity and adaptability, especially at a time of geopolitical flux,” said Angeline Tan, an analyst with Malaysia's Institute of Strategic & International Studies:

“As protectionism is on the rise, the expansion of ASEAN demonstrates its commitment to regionalism, openness and equal participation,” she said.

The last country to join ASEAN was Cambodia in 1999.

East Timor, wedged between Indonesia and Australia, was a Portuguese colony for over four centuries before declaring independence in 1975. Indonesia invaded nine days later, beginning a brutal 24-year occupation that claimed tens of thousands of lives through conflict, famine and disease. A U.N.-supervised referendum in 1999 paved the way for independence, which was formally restored in 2002.

Today it is led by two independence heroes — Prime

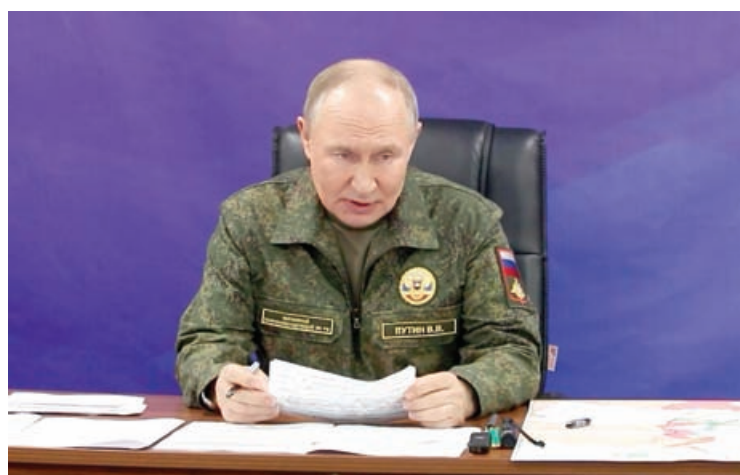
Minister Gusmao and President Jose Ramos-Horta, who won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1996.

They are trying to tackle high levels of unemployment, malnutrition and poverty. Some 42% of the country's population live below the national poverty line. Nearly two-thirds of its citizens are under 30 years old, making youth job creation a high priority.

Its major source of government revenues comes from the oil and gas industry, but with resources quickly becoming depleted it is looking to diversify.

Initially, the idea of bringing East Timor into ASEAN was met with skepticism by several other members, and even though that was overcome, Joanne Lin, co-coordinator of the ISEAS-Yusuf Ishak Institute's ASEAN Studies Centre in Singapore, said adding the nation is “not without challenges.”

“Timor-Leste's administrative and institutional capacity still lags behind most ASEAN members, and full participation will require sustained technical and financial support from the secretariat and member states,” she said. “But its inclusion also brings new energy and perspectives — especially on issues like youth empowerment, democratic governance and small-state diplomacy.” □



In this image made from video released by the Russian Presidential Press Office on Sunday, Oct. 26, 2025, Russian President Vladimir Putin speaks while visiting one of the command posts of the Joint Group of Forces.

Associated Press.

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MOSCOW (AP) — Russia tested a new nuclear-capable and powered cruise missile fit to confound existing defenses, inching closer to de-

ploying it to its military, President Vladimir Putin said in remarks released on Sunday. The announcement, which followed years of tests of the Burevestnik missile, comes as

Russia has tested a new nuclear-capable missile, Putin and top general say

part of nuclear messaging from the Kremlin, which has resisted Western pressure for a ceasefire in Ukraine and strongly warned the U.S. and other NATO allies against sanctioning strikes deep inside Russia with longer-range Western weapons.

A video released by the Kremlin showed Putin, dressed in camouflage fatigues, receiving a report from Gen. Valery Gerasimov, Russia's chief of general staff, who told the Russian leader that the Burevestnik covered 14,000 kilometers (8,700 miles) in a key test Tuesday. Gerasimov said the Burevestnik, or storm petrel in

Russian, spent 15 hours in the air on nuclear power, adding “that's not the limit.”

Little is known about the Burevestnik, which was code-named Skyfall by NATO, and many Western experts have been skeptical about it, noting that a nuclear engine could be highly unreliable. When Putin first revealed that Russia was working on the weapon in his 2018 state-of-the-nation address, he claimed it would have an unlimited range, allowing it to circle the globe undetected by missile defense systems.

Many observers argue such a missile could be difficult

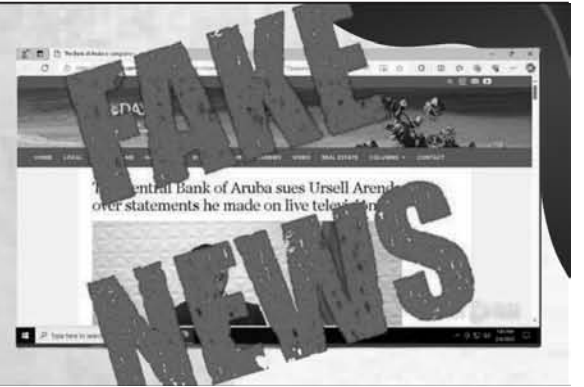
to handle and pose an environmental threat. The U.S. and the Soviet Union worked on nuclear-powered missiles during the Cold War, but they eventually shelved the projects, considering them too hazardous.

The Burevestnik reportedly suffered an explosion in August 2019 during tests at a navy range on the White Sea, killing five nuclear engineers and two service members and resulting in a brief spike in radioactivity that fueled fears in a nearby city. Russian officials never identified the weapon involved, but the U.S. said it was the Burevestnik. □

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Hamas expands search for the remains of hostages in Gaza

By SAMY MAGDY and MELANIE LIDMAN Associated Press

CAIRO (AP) — Hamas has expanded its search for bodies of hostages in the Gaza Strip, the Palestinian group said Sunday, a day after Egypt deployed a team of experts and heavy equipment to help retrieve them. Under the U.S.-brokered ceasefire, which took effect on Oct. 10, Hamas is expected to return the remains of all Israeli hostages as soon as possible. Israel has agreed to return 15 bodies of Palestinians for each one. Children and others watched the Egyptian equipment claw through the sand near badly damaged buildings in the southern city of Khan Younis.

Hamas has returned the remains of 15 hostages but hasn't handed over any in five days. Israel has returned the bodies of 195 Palestinians, many of them unidentified.

More complicated steps lie ahead under the ceasefire plan, including the disarming of Hamas and the postwar governance of famine-stricken Gaza, where the U.N. and partners continue to urge Israel to allow in more humanitarian aid. International media have been barred from Gaza aside from brief visits with Israel's military, and Israel on Sunday said that hadn't changed. Trump watches 48-hour period 'very closely'

Hamas' chief in Gaza, Khalil al-Hayya, said the group started searching new areas for bodies of the remaining 13 hostages, according to comments the group shared Sunday.

U.S. President Donald Trump warned Saturday he was "watching very closely" to ensure Hamas returns more bodies in the next 48 hours. "Some of the bodies are hard to reach, but others they can return now and, for some reason, they are not," he wrote on social media. Hamas has repeatedly said efforts to retrieve remains face challenges because of the massive destruction. An Egyptian team with equipment including an excavator and bulldozers entered Gaza on Saturday as part of mediators' efforts to shore up the ceasefire, two Egyptian officials said. They spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not



Palestinians watch machinery and some workers from Egypt searching for the bodies of hostages at Hamad City, in Khan Younis, southern Gaza Strip, Sunday, Oct. 26, 2025.

Associated Press.

authorized to talk to the media.

Hamas alleges violation after Israeli strikes

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu defended the military's actions after Israeli forces struck the central Nuseirat refugee camp in Gaza late Saturday, according to Al-Awda Hospital, which received the wounded.

The military claimed it targeted militants associated with the Palestinian Islamic Jihad group who were planning to attack troops. Islamic Jihad, the second largest militant group in Gaza, denied the allegation.

Hamas called the strike a "clear violation" of the ceasefire agreement and accused Netanyahu of attempting to sabotage U.S. efforts to end the war.

"Of course, we also thwart dangers as they are being formed, before they are carried out, as we did just yesterday in the Gaza Strip," Netanyahu said at the start of his weekly Cabinet meeting Sunday.

Netanyahu also stressed that Israel remained in charge of its own security, after accusations last week that the Trump administration was dictating terms of Israel's response to security concerns in Gaza. Vice President JD Vance denied any such speculation during his visit.

Israel also targeted Nuseirat on Oct. 19, after the military accused Hamas militants of killing two soldiers. Israel that day launched dozens of strikes across Gaza, killing at least 36 Palestinians, including women and children, according to local health authorities. It was the most serious challenge to the ceasefire.

Over 68,500 Palestinians have died in two years of war sparked by the Hamas-led attack on Israel on Oct. 7, 2023, according to Gaza's Health Ministry, which doesn't distinguish between civilians and combatants in its count. The ministry maintains detailed casualty records that are seen as generally reliable by U.N. agencies and independent experts. Israel has disputed them without providing

its own toll.

Information-sharing on security threats

Saturday's strike came hours after U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio left Israel. He was the latest top U.S. official to visit a new center for civilian and military coordination that is attempting to oversee the ceasefire. U.S. envoys Steve Witkoff and Jared Kushner, the president's son-in-law, visited last week.

Rubio said Saturday that Israel, the U.S. and the other mediators are sharing information to disrupt any threats, and asserted that it allowed them to identify a possible impending attack last weekend.

Around 200 U.S. troops are working alongside the Israeli military and delegations from other countries at the coordination center, planning the stabilization and reconstruction of Gaza. The U.S. has said none of its troops will operate on the ground in Gaza. □

Melissa strengthens into a Category 4 hurricane, threatening catastrophic flooding in Jamaica, Haiti

By **MAURICIO SAVARESE** and **JOHN MYERS, JR.**

Associated Press

KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP) —

Hurricane Melissa strengthened into a major Category 4 hurricane, with the possibility of intensifying to a Category 5 storm Sunday night, unleashing torrential rain and threatening to cause catastrophic flooding in the northern Caribbean, including Haiti and Jamaica, the U.S. National Hurricane Center said.

The weather agency added Melissa is likely to reach the southern coast of Jamaica as a major hurricane late Monday or Tuesday morning, and urged people on the island to seek shelter immediately.

"Conditions (in Jamaica) are going to go down rapidly today," Jamie Rhome, the center's deputy director, said on Sunday. "Be ready to ride this out for several days." Melissa was centered about 110 miles (180 kilometers) south of Kingston, Jamaica, and about 285 miles (460 kilometers) south-southwest of Guantánamo, Cuba, on Sunday morning. It had maximum sustained winds of 140 mph (220 kph) and was moving west at 5 mph (7 kph), the hurricane center said.

Melissa was expected to drop torrential rains of up to 30 inches (760 millimeters) on Jamaica and southern Hispaniola — Haiti and the Dominican Republic — ac-



People waded through a street flooded by rains caused by Tropical Storm Melissa in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, Friday, Oct. 24, 2025.

cording to the hurricane center. Some areas may see as much as 40 inches (1,010 millimeters) of rain.

It also warned that extensive damage to infrastructure, power and communication outages, and the isolation of communities in Jamaica were to be expected.

Melissa should be near or over Cuba by late Tuesday, where it could bring up to 12 inches (300 millimeters) of rain, before moving toward the Bahamas later Wednesday.

The U.S. National Hurricane Center said on Sunday that the hurricane watch for Cuba could be upgraded to a warning later on Sunday.

Airports closed and shelters activated

The erratic and slow-moving storm has killed at least three people in Haiti and a fourth person in the Dominican Republic, where another person remains missing. Jamaica's government said the main airport in Montego Bay, Sangster International Airport, will shut down at midday local time on Sunday as the island's national emergency agency activated its level 3 emergency protocol ahead of Melissa. The biggest airport on the island, Norman Manley International Airport in the capital, Kingston, closed at 9 p.m. on Saturday. "With the slow movement of

this system, it doesn't allow you to recover. It's going to sit there, pouring water while it's barely moving and that is a significant challenge that we have to be aware of," warned Evan Thompson, principal director of the Meteorological Service of Jamaica.

"There is nowhere that will escape the wrath of this hurricane," Richard Thompson, acting director general of the Office of Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management said. He said all members of the National Response Team are now on full alert.

More than 650 shelters were activated in Jamaica. Officials said warehouses across

the island were well-stocked and thousands of food packages pre-positioned for quick distribution if needed.

Communities cut off by rising waters

Haitian authorities said three people had died as a consequence of the hurricane and another five were injured due to a collapsed wall. There were also reports of rising river levels, flooding and a bridge destroyed due to breached riverbanks in Sainte-Suzanne, in the north-east. Many residents are still reluctant to leave their homes, Haitian officials said. The storm damaged nearly 200 homes in the Dominican Republic and knocked out water supply systems, affecting more than half a million customers. It also downed trees and traffic lights, unleashed a couple of small landslides and left more than two dozen communities isolated by floodwaters.

The Bahamas Department of Meteorology said Melissa could bring tropical storm or hurricane conditions to islands in the southeastern and central Bahamas and the Turks and Caicos Islands by early next week.

Melissa is the 13th named storm of the Atlantic hurricane season, which runs from June 1 to Nov. 30.

The U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration had predicted an above-normal season with 13 to 18 named storms. □



The USS Gravelly destroyer prepares to dock for military exercises in Port-of-Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, Sunday, Oct. 26, 2025.

Associated Press.

By **ANSELM GIBBS**

Associated Press

PORT-OF-SPAIN, Trinidad and Tobago (AP) — A U.S. warship

docked in Trinidad and Tobago's capital Sunday as the Trump administration boosts military pressure on neighbor-

US warship docks in Trinidad and Tobago, putting more pressure on Venezuela

ing Venezuela and its President Nicolás Maduro.

The arrival of the USS Gravelly, a guided missile destroyer, in the capital of the Caribbean nation is in addition to the aircraft carrier USS Gerald R. Ford, which is moving closer to Venezuela. Maduro criticized the movement of the carrier as an attempt by the U.S. government to fabricate "a new eternal war" against his country.

U.S. President Donald Trump has accused Maduro, without providing evidence, of

being the leader of the organized crime gang Tren de Aragua.

Government officials from the twin-island nation and the U.S. said the massive warship will remain in Trinidad until Thursday so both countries can carry out training exercises.

A senior military official in Trinidad and Tobago told The Associated Press that the move was only recently scheduled. The official spoke under condition of anonymity due to lack of authorization

to discuss the matter publicly. Kamla Persad-Bissessar, the prime minister of Trinidad and Tobago, has been a vocal supporter of the U.S. military presence and the deadly strikes on suspected drug boats in waters off Venezuela. U.S. Embassy Chargé d'Affaires Jenifer Neidhart de Ortiz said in a statement that the exercises seek to "address shared threats like transnational crime and build resilience through training, humanitarian missions, and security efforts." □

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Snakes of Aruba

Arikok National Park is home to various unique plant and animal species such as Aruba's rare endemic rattlesnake *Crotalus unicolor*. This rattlesnake is locally known as the 'Cascabel'. But Aruba has two more snake species living on the island: the Santanero and the Boa.

Cascabel (*Crotalus unicolor*)

The small Cascabel or Aruba Island Rattlesnake averages 70 cm in length. The body color is often uniform gray or light brown. There may be a faint pattern of diamond shaped markings on the back. This pattern is most noticeable on younger snakes. The most distinctive feature of this snake is the rattle at the end of its tail which makes a buzzing sound when the snake is alarmed. Cascabels are shy and not aggressive, but their venom can be dangerous to humans. It is best to leave this snake alone. Do not attempt to catch or kill it.

Cascabels hunt by waiting under bushes and fruiting trees to catch passing lizards, mice, rats, small rabbits, and an occasional bird. This is often considered to be one of the rarest rattlesnakes in the world. The range of the Cascabel is restricted to the rugged and mountainous areas of the island mostly within Arikok National Park. The Arikok National Park was designated in the early 1980s to include most of the rattlesnake's population, providing a safe refuge in which the snake can be protected and monitored. The government has also implemented outreach and education initiatives to change local perception of the snake and highlight its ecological and economic importance – it is now being promoted as a national symbol.

Arikok's partnership with the Toledo zoo has safeguarded the rattlesnake ex-situ and led to a number of research projects collecting critical data on the Cascabel's abundance, life history and habitat requirement to help guide future conservation efforts.

Santanero

The slender Santanero or Aruban Cat-eyed Snake is typically less than 50 cm long. This snake is recognizable by the large scales on the top of its head and by its pattern of dark brown bands alternating with light brown bands. The belly is plain white or cream colored without any markings. This snake is shy and not aggressive. However, it has enlarged teeth at the back of its mouth and mild venom which is not dangerous to humans. However, the venom can paralyze small lizards and frogs. Santaneros are most active at night when they search for food. During the day, they hide under rocks or leaves. They frequently climb trees and cactus. Santaneros eat toads, frogs, insects, and lizards. You may find Santaneros near dams during periods of rainy weather or crossing roads at night. This snake is found island wide. A Santanero in your garden will keep away the unwanted insects. If you encounter a Santanero around your garden, please do not harm this species.

Boa (*Boa constrictor*)

Boas are Aruba's largest snakes. The longest Boa found on the island was slightly less than 3 m. Newborn Boas average 35 cm. Boas are not venomous. The most distinctive feature of a Boa is its pattern of dark brown and tan blotches which become red toward the tail. The belly is white or cream colored with numerous black spots. Boas are excellent climbers and may be found in trees and cactus. Boas also hide in the leaves under bushes waiting to catch prey that pass. Boas catch their prey with their teeth and then constrict it in their coils. The Boa's diet consists of birds, lizards, rats, mice, and rabbits. Large Boas have been known to eat small goats and chickens. When threatened, Boas will hiss loudly. Boas are a non-native species. The first Boas were reported on the island in 1999. Since that time they have been found across the entire island in all types of habitats. Source: National Park Aruba. □

SANTANERO (*Leptodeira bakeri*)



BOA (*Boa constrictor*)



CASCABEL (*Crotalus unicolor*)



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Surf's Up: Favorite places to catch waves in Aruba

ORANJESTAD – Whether you are a salt-seasoned surfer looking for a thrill, or just looking to wet your toes in a little ocean adventure, Aruba has amazing places to learn and practice surfing! Although more known for the calmer waters of Palm Beach, Eagle Beach and Mangel Halto, Aruba also has some special places to thrill your senses. Because of strong winds and breezes, Aruba is perfect for wind and kite surfing. You will surely notice kites in the air as you drive around the wilder, rougher areas on Aruba's east side.

There are plenty of surf shop rentals to help you with your gear, and there are also a lot of tutors if you're looking to try for the first time and need a little help. These can be found around the island, and will surely come in hand if you're wanting to try a new experience!

With that said, here are Aruba's favorite surf spots!

Andicuri

Andicuri is recognized as the best place for body boarding. Because of the rough waves, this beach is better suited for those with more



experience in surfing. However, the beach with two bluffs – one on each side – is worth a visit, if only to watch the exciting show presented by the surfers.

To go to Andicuri, you will need a 4x4 vehicle and drive from the ex-Natural Bridge Center. Alternatively, you can make it an adventure by going on a hike! The scenery is unique and beautiful on its own. Reaching Andicuri Beach can be an adventure in itself, as it can be difficult to find and is only accessible by 4x4 vehicle or walking from

the ex-Natural Bridge center, but the impressive scenery makes it all worthwhile!

Arashi

Arashi, a beach located close to the California Lighthouse, is a good spot for learning and having fun – if you're lucky! The waves at Arashi are usually calm, but with just the right weather, a swell forms attracting all the local surfers to the area.

Boca Grandi

Boca Grandi is at the most southern spot in Aruba, and is a popu-

lar spot with experienced surfers. Close to the famous Red Anchor and our beloved Sunrise City – San Nicolas, a trip to Boca Grandi can easily turn into an all-day trip to this area of the island. With a beautiful beach (although it is not allowed to swim here, because of strong currents), you can enjoy a relaxing time combing the beach for driftwood, coral, and little crabs and snails.

Hadicurari

Known locally as Fisherman's Hut, here is where you will find most of the action for surfers in Aruba. With a variety of surf shops and schools in this area, you will find it easy to get in on the action. Hadicurari is also the site of the Aruba Hi Winds World Challenge, which takes place usually in June/July, and it is the largest windsurfing competition in the Caribbean!

Malmok

If you're a beginner, this is your spot. There are also various shops to rent gear and receive lessons, facilitating learning and just trying out a new experience. The beach is also popular for paddleboarding and other watersport activities. ☐



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Cas di Torto

Cas di torto (also called cas di lodo or cas di bara) is a traditional building technique from Aruba. It refers to a type of houses made of mud with rounded corners. These houses were usually found around the plantations. The few structures that still exist are the oldest structures that are left standing in the country.

The technique probably came over from the Venezuelan Paraguaná Peninsula in the 18th century. Existing houses date back 150 years. Until 1925 many houses on Aruba were built using this technique, afterwards it fell into disuse. In 2005 there were 62 cas di torto houses left, of which only four were in good condition.

The skeleton of the houses is made up of round wooden poles placed with distances of 1.5 feet between them. Branches are interwoven between them, completing the structural support. On this basis, loam is applied, mixed with sand, water and para grass. This is then coated with aloe vera juice, which gives the white colour and helps to protect against the weather.

On top of the poles pieces of wood are fitted that serve as the base for the roof beams. Until 1815 the roofing usually consisted of corn (maize) stems, afterwards the nuclei of columnar cacti were used. The floor is made of loam, mixed with cement or cow dung.



The houses were usually divided into a kitchen, a living room, a porch and a bedroom. In the kitchen would be a wooden or metal barrel for storing water that

was collected in small rain ponds. Around this barrel a thick loam wall would be erected. Often large families would live in these houses; people would sleep on

mats on the floor.

If you visit the Arikok National Park you will be able to see a very nice cas di torto. □

Lessons from our elders: Plants and fruits for medicinal use

ORANJESTAD—Though western medicine is now widely used for common illnesses and to keep our bodies healthy and happy, it is still very common in every household in Aruba (and around the world) to have staple home remedies that is passed on through generations. Here are some tips that our elders have passed on to us over the years.

Pineapple

Pineapple has more uses than topping it on your Christmas ham. According to elders, the



skin of a pineapple is great to use to refresh your body. Clean the skin thoroughly and make tea or warapa* with it. It is said that this tea can also be drank after an operation on the ovaries or uterus. This gets rid of irritation and inflammation.

Arrowroot

Arrowroot is native to tropical America and can be sold as a powder or whole. It is said that you can take arrowroot powder and make a "shalup" (porridge) for stomach pain or when you're feeling weak. You can make it with milk too, but it is advised to best use just water. You can also add prunes for a bit of sweetness. Arrowroot shalup is also good to treat an unhealthy gut or for diarrhea.

To make arrowroot shalup, boil a bit of water and add one tablespoon of arrowroot powder and stir continuously until you reach porridge consistency. If you make a shalup with milk, add a pinch of salt. Raw arrowroot powder can be used to powder babies.

Eggplant/Aubergine

Eggplants, or aubergines, are easy to find in supermarkets around the world and can be grown all year round on the island. Related to potato and tomato, eggplants are good to calm nerves. It can also be used to lower blood



pressure, by steeping its leaves in boiled water and drinking it. You can also make eggplant juice to help purify your blood. However, do make sure to drink slowly; let it mix with your spit and then swallow.

Eggplant kataplan* can also be used to treat skin tumors, abscesses and hemorrhoids. Eggplant kataplan can also be used externally to treat arthritis. □

*warapa: term referring to a water and sugar solution, a.k.a simple syrup.

*kataplan: porridge-like mixture used externally for wounds or parts of the body that are painful or swollen.

Tierra del Sol Golf Course by Iberostar Celebrates Its Grand Re-Opening with a Day of tournament and Celebration



Noord, Aruba — Iberostar Hotels & Resorts proudly celebrated the Grand Re-Opening of Tierra del Sol by Iberostar, marking a new era for Golf in Aruba.

This re-opening followed an extensive renovation process that represented a significant investment in the revitalization of the golf course, reaffirming Iberostar's long-term commitment to the Tierra del Sol community. These enhancements were designed to elevate the golfing experience, contribute to offering added value to the surrounding properties and reinforcing the area's prestige.

To commemorate this milestone, Tierra Del Sol by Iberostar hosted a Grand Re-Opening Golf Tournament, welcoming members and invited guests to experience the renewed course. Before tee-off, **Ashiko Martinus, Director of Tierra del Sol by Iberostar**, expressed heartfelt appreciation to the dedicated staff who worked hard behind the scenes throughout the renovation. Their teamwork, commitment, and passion were instrumental in achieving the course's world-class standards.

"Tierra del Sol holds a special place in Aruba's landscape and in the hearts of our members and guests," said Ashiko Martinus, Director of Tierra del Sol Golf Course by Iberostar. "This re-opening represents a new chapter for our golf course and a reaffirmation of Iberostar's long-term vision; blending excellence in service and community engagement."

The day was filled with friendly competition, camaraderie, and community spirit. Following the tournament, guests gathered at the Lighthouse



Terrace for a Dinner Reception and Prize Ceremony, where participants were recognized for their achievements. The evening showcased Iberostar's signature hospitality and its dedication to creating memorable, community-centered experiences.

This transformation included a complete refurbishment of all greens and tees, which were newly grassed to ensure optimal playing conditions. The irrigation system was fully upgraded and modernized, while the driving range received final irrigation improvements along with new mats and ball trays for an enhanced practice experience. Earlier this year, the final phase of grassing the fairways and driving range was completed, followed by meticulous fine-tuning of the tees and greens in preparation for the reopening of all 18 holes. As part of the upgrades, new signage and tee markers were installed throughout the course, and the facilities at holes 6 and 15 were fully refurbished to enhance guest comfort.

In addition to the course's physical refurbishment, Tierra del Sol by Iberostar, in collaboration with local conservation experts, established

Aruba's first Shoco Sanctuary within the property. More than ten Shoco pairs were successfully protected and continue to inhabit the sanctuary area within the golf course. This initiative reflects Iberostar's ongoing commitment to biodiversity and nature.

Originally designed by acclaimed architect Robert Trent Jones II, Tierra del Sol was celebrated by Golf Digest as offering "Scotland, Arizona, and the Caribbean all in one round." This desert links course masterfully combines the elements of wind, sea, and earth to create a truly exhilarating experience for golfers of all levels

About Iberostar Hotels & Resorts

Iberostar Hotels & Resorts is the hotel division and core business of Iberostar Group, a 100% family-owned Spanish multinational with almost 70 years of history in tourism, with its business origins dating back to 1877. Its portfolio features 32,000 rooms across 100 four- and five-star hotels in 13 countries, dedicated to delivering exceptional quality and heartfelt service. At the same time, it upholds a responsible tourism model that prioritizes the well-being of both people and nature.

Welcoming 2.5 million guests annually and boasting a prime beachfront presence, the Iberostar Beachfront Resorts brand offers three distinct segments to fulfill every traveler's holiday dreams. Iberostar Waves delivers fun-filled experiences, perfect for families and couples who love the beach. Iberostar Selection provides premium, spacious, and relaxing stays with exceptional service. Lastly, JOIA by Iberostar is a collection of luxury resorts in exclusive locations, distinguished by highly personalized and refined service. □

Fun facts about cacti hedges "Trankera"



(Oranjestad) – When off-roading in inland Aruba, you may notice some cacti hedges around various properties or lined up by certain pathways. These man-made hedges are called "trankera" and play an important role in maintaining our flora and fauna.

The trankera dates to colonialism, where settlers established several 'cunucu' (farm) on the island. Peo-

ple either used stone walls or trankera as a fence to ward off strangers and wild animals that can feed on the cunucu vegetation or cattle.

Nowadays, trankeras are less common, and those that still stand are often not maintained. On the surface this seems like a bad development, however this proved to be beneficial for our flora and fauna. Naturally developed flora

around the hedges offers more shelter for fauna. Another aspect is the propagation process. When pruning hedges, flowers and seeds were removed, which limits propagation to a minimum.

So, though trankeras don't play that big of a role in Aruba's agriculture anymore, our environment still reaps the benefits of these long-standing natural structures. □

The district of Savaneta: A quick history guide to the island's first capital

(Oranjestad)—Before Oranjestad became the island nation's capital, Aruba's first capital was the district of Savaneta. Here is where the cultural identity of Aruba was born, and from where the rest of the island developed into what it is today.

Savaneta is said to have been the first place where the Caquetio inhabitants first stepped foot on the island. Though there isn't hard evidence to back this up, but considering the legend of the Cacique Arua, it is believed that there were already movements on Aruba—and Savaneta—around 88 AD.

The Caquetios probably made their way to the island either from Venezuela, Colombia or other Caribbean islands in the region, but with good weather it was relatively easy for them to travel back and forth in their canoes. So, since the Caquetios discovered the island, Aruba found her first form of civilization.

It wasn't until 1499 when Aruba met another group of people who set foot on the island: the Spanish explorer Alonso de Ojeda. De Ojeda first took notice of Aruba off the coast of Venezuela, during his exploration of the Latin American country. This was on August 9th, 1499. However, de Ojeda didn't actually sail to the island till 4 days later, on August 23rd, 1499. This was the beginning of the Spanish era on Aruba (1499-1636).

Alonso usually didn't stop at every island or land he saw, especially not in the Caribbean. He would often take notice of land from afar and continue sailing. However, Aruba was an exception. He had heard that there were "quebracho" trees on the island, which were commonly used to produce



dye or paint. But since these trees could not be found in Savaneta, he continued to search in the area of what is now known as Santa Cruz. The best way to transport the tree barks was via a route passing through Savaneta, and so the first road between Savaneta and Santa Cruz was made.

The Dutch colonial era (1636-1805)

During the 80-year war between The Netherlands and Spain, Dutch explorers and merchants began to travel to the ABC islands. Once they landed in Aruba, they deported the small Arawakan and Spanish community that was living on the island. This was the beginning of colonization of the ABC islands by the Dutch empire. Around the same, the West Indian Company (WIC) was born. Bonaire and Curaçao were mostly used for plantations, where the Dutch had transported slaves from Africa. Aruba, on the other hand, was mostly used to raise cattle and to house the haring factory. The Dutch had often forced the indigenous community to work for them.

In 1636, when the Netherlands won the war against Spain, the country surrendered the islands to the Dutch.

The Dutch administration appointed the island's first commander, an Irish man named N. Williams. Because the Dutch were interested in other Caribbean islands and countries in South America, they imported Dutch merchants and business men, all of whom resided in Sava-

neta. This way, Savaneta officially became the island's first capital.

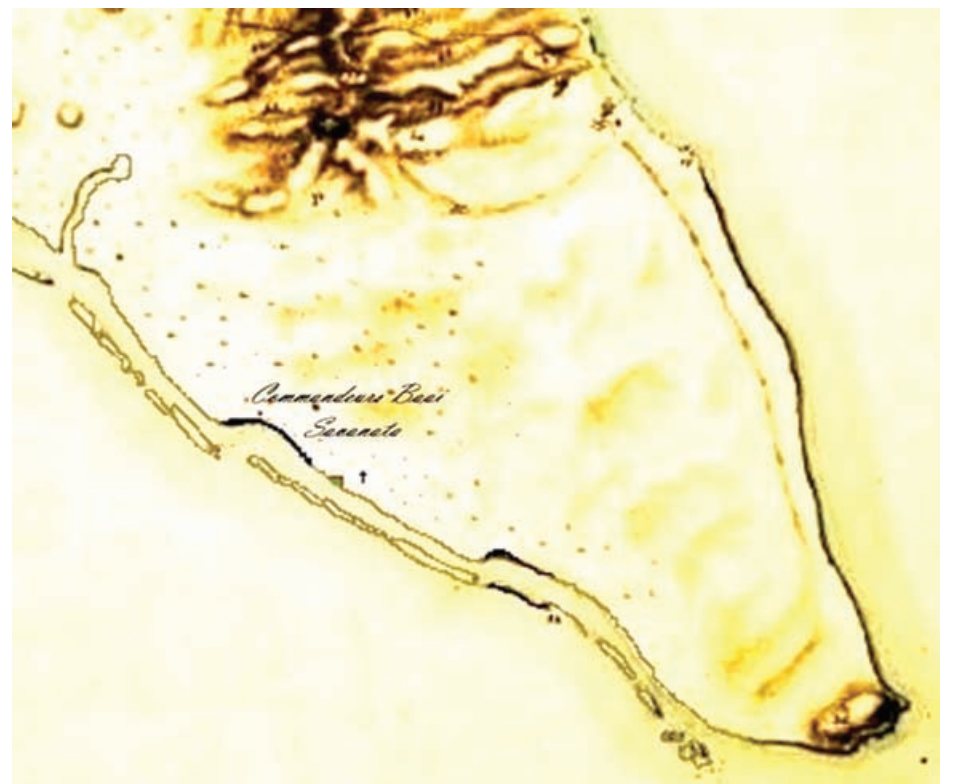
However, at the end of the 18th century, the commander at the time, J.R. Lauffer, moved his office to what is now "Horse Bay" in Oranjestad. Because the highest office on the island moved away from Savaneta, the capital lost its title to what was called then Playa.

How Savaneta got its name

The name Savaneta probably has a Spanish origin. It was said that when the Spanish climbed a hill called Yara, they saw that the area was mostly open and had no big trees. In Spanish, such a land area is called a "sabana".

Because of its land surface, Savaneta was a great place to construct cattle farms. From here, the farmer culture on Aruba was born. Before the Aruban Gold Rush and the construction of the Refinery in San Nicolas, most residents were farmers, and Savaneta had many inhabitants that farmed fruits and vegetables. They also continued the tradition of raising cattle, like goat, sheep, pigs and horses. Savaneta was one of the first places on the island to have a general farming culture. From this culture, many other traditions were born, like the Dera Gay Holiday that we celebrate every year on June 24th. □

Source: *Historia di Savaneta (History of Savaneta)* by Adolf "Dufi" Kock.



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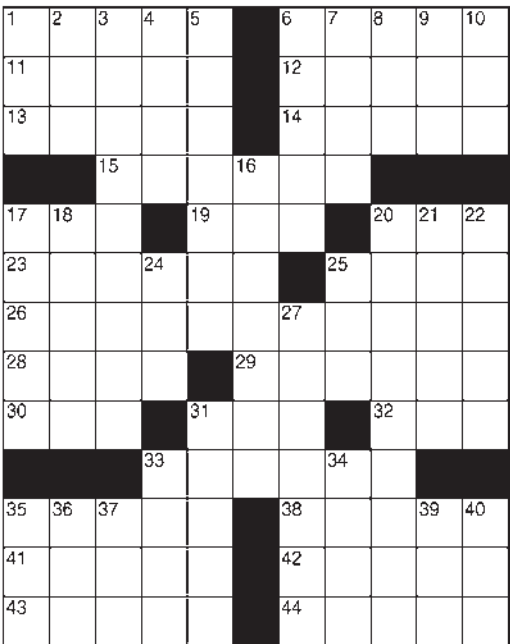
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One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

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Helpful tips for your stay on Aruba

(Oranjestad)—When traveling to another country, especially for the first time, it is always better to be over-prepared than under-prepared. That is why we have a list of basic but important information that we think may come in handy to Aruba's visitors.



Drinking water

The water that flows through the sinks of every house, hotels and other establishments is distilled and perfectly safe to drink. Aruba's drinking water exceeds WHO's international standards for water quality, so there is no need to buy bottled water from the store.



Safety

Since February 2024, Aruba has been categorized as the safest country in the Caribbean by The Telegraph, and many tourist that visit have often told us how they feel safe to explore the island or walk around at night. However, rare incidents do occur, so keep yourself and your belongings safe.



Supermarket hours

Supermarket hours may vary depending on where you are staying on the island. Generally though, most supermarkets are open from 8am to 8 or 10pm, Monday through Saturday. On Sundays, supermarkets generally close earlier; mostly around 2pm.

SUDOKU

To play sudoku, use logic to fill the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the numbers 1-9 only once. Puzzle difficulty increases from Monday to Sunday.

King Classic Sudoku

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Your latest prescription is to get outside



Virginia Davidson of Bridgton, Maine, paddles her kayak on Moose Pond, Oct. 13, 2021, in Bridgton, Maine.

Associated Press.

By TODD RICHMOND
Associated Press

(AP) — Find a shady spot under a tree, take a breath of fresh air and call me in the morning.

Health care providers have long suggested stressed-out patients spend time outdoors. Now hundreds of providers are going a step further and issuing formal prescriptions to get outside. The tactic is gaining momentum as social media, political strife and wars abroad weigh on the American psyche.

Of course, no one needs a prescription to get outside, but some doctors think that issuing the advice that way helps people take it seriously. "When I bring it up, it is almost like granting permission to do something they may see as frivolous when things seem so otherwise serious and stressful," said Dr. Suzanne Hackenmiller, a Waterloo, Iowa, gynecologist who started issuing nature prescriptions after discovering time outdoors soothed her following her husband's death.

Getting outdoors can improve your health

Spending time in natural areas can lower blood pressure, reduce stress hormones and boost immunity, multiple studies have found.

"Study after study says we're wired to be out in nature," said Dr. Brent Bauer, who serves as director of the complementary and integrative medicine program at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. The program focuses on practices that usually aren't

minders.

Nearly 2,000 providers have registered with the organization across the U.S. and a number of other countries, including Australia, Brazil, Cameroon and Spain. They've issued more than 7,000 nature prescriptions since 2019, said Dr. Stacy Beller Stryer, Park Rx America's associate medical director. About 100 other organizations similar to Park Rx America have sprung up around the U.S., she said.

A nature prescription can motivate

Bauer specializes in treating CEOs and other business leaders. He said he issues about 30 nature prescriptions every year. The chief executives he treats sometimes don't even know where to begin and a prescription can give them a jump start, he said.

"I recommend a lot of things to a lot of patients," he said. "I'm not under the illusion all of them get enacted. When I get a prescription, someone hands me a piece of paper and says you must take this medication ... I'm a lot more likely to activate that." Hackenmiller, the Iowa gynecologist, said she's having more discussions with patients about getting outside as a means of escaping a world locked in perpetual conflict.

"When so many things are out of our control, it can be helpful to step away from

the media and immerse ourselves in nature," she said.

Getting outside is the important part

The effectiveness of nature prescriptions is unclear. A 2020 joint study by the U.S. Forest Service, the University of Pennsylvania and North Carolina State University concluded that more work was needed to gauge follow-through and long-term health outcomes.

But unless you're choking on wildfire smoke or swatting swarms of mosquitoes, getting outside — no matter what motivates you — can be helpful.

At William & Mary college in Williamsburg, Virginia, students issue nature prescriptions to their peers. "Patients" obtain prescriptions by filling out online applications indicating how far they'll travel to get to a park, times they can visit, whether they need a ride and favorite outdoor activities. □



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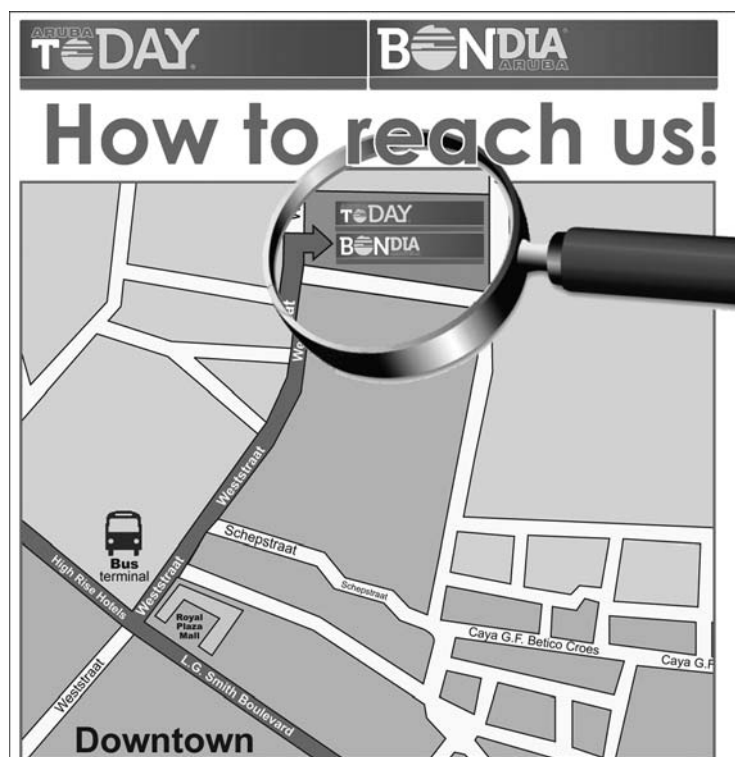
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ARUBA TODAY NEWS

Former Jets center Nick Mangold dies at 41, less than 2 weeks after announcing he had kidney disease

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(AP)—Nick Mangold's long, blond hair and bushy beard made him instantly recognizable. His gritty, outstanding performance on the field for the New York Jets made him one of the franchise's greatest players.

Mangold, a two-time All-Pro center who helped lead the Jets to the AFC championship game twice, has died, the team announced Sunday. He was 41.

The Jets said in a statement that Mangold died Saturday night from complications of kidney disease.

His death came less than two weeks after the two-time All-Pro selection announced on social media that he had kidney disease and needed a transplant. He said he didn't have any relatives who were able to donate, so he went public with the request for a donor with type O blood. "I always knew this day would come, but I thought I would have had more time," he wrote in a Oct. 14 message directed to the Jets and Ohio State communities. "While this has been a tough stretch, I'm staying positive and focused on the path ahead. I'm looking forward to better days and getting back to full strength soon. I'll see you all at MetLife Stadium & The Shoe very soon." Mangold said he was diagnosed with a genetic defect in 2006 that led to chronic



New York Jets center Nick Mangold (74) wears an NYPD hat as he waits to go on the field for the start of an NFL football game against the New England Patriots, Sunday, Dec. 21, 2014, in East Rutherford, N.J.

kidney disease. He was on dialysis while waiting for a transplant.

"Nick was more than a legendary center," Jets owner Woody Johnson said in a statement. "He was the heartbeat of our offensive line for a decade and a beloved teammate whose leadership and toughness defined an era of Jets football. Off the field, Nick's wit, warmth, and unwavering loyalty made him a cherished member of our extended Jets family."

The Jets, looking for their first win of the season, announced Mangold's death about an hour before kick-

off of their game against the Cincinnati Bengals. A moment of silence was held in the press box before the game. Mangold grew up in Centerville, Ohio — about 45 miles north of Cincinnati — but remained in New Jersey, close to the Jets' facility, after his playing career ended. Mangold was a first-round draft pick of the Jets in 2006 out of Ohio State and was selected to the Pro Bowl seven times. He helped lead New York within one win of the Super Bowl during both the 2009 and 2010 seasons and was enshrined in the Jets' ring of honor in 2022. Mangold was among 52 modern-

era players who advanced earlier this week in the voting process for next year's Pro Football Hall of Fame class. Mangold was the anchor of New York's offensive line his entire playing career, spending all 11 seasons with the Jets.

"I was fortunate to have the opportunity to lace them up with you every Sunday," Pro Football Hall of Famer Darrelle Revis, Mangold's teammate for eight years, wrote on X. "I will miss you and forever cherish our moments in the locker room. Love you buddy."

Mangold started every game during his first five seasons and missed only four games in his first 10 years before an ankle injury limited him to eight games in 2016, his final season.

"It's brutal," former Jets coach and current ESPN analyst Rex Ryan said during "Sunday NFL Countdown" while fighting through tears. "Such a great young man. I had the pleasure of coaching him for all six years with the Jets (from 2009-14). I remember it was obvious I was getting fired, my last game, Mangold's injured — like, injured — and he comes to me and says, 'I'm playing this game.' And he wanted to play for me."

"That's what I remember about this kid. He was awesome. And it's just way too

young. I feel so bad for his wife and family. (This is) rough."

Mangold was released by the team in 2017 and didn't play that season. The following year, he signed a one-day contract with the Jets to officially retire as a member of the team.

"Rest in peace to my brother & teammate Nick Mangold," tweeted former running back Thomas Jones, who played three years with Mangold. "I keep seeing your smiling face in the huddle bro. One of the kindest people I've ever met. One of the greatest interior linemen to ever play the game. This one hurts. Surreal."

Several other former teammates mourned the loss of Mangold.

"Absolutely gutted," former wide receiver David Nelson, who played with Mangold for two seasons, wrote on X. "One of the best guys I've ever met — true legend on and off the field."

Former kicker Jay Feely, Mangold's teammate for two seasons, tweeted: "Heartbreaking news this morning. Nick and I played together with the Jets and loved to banter about the Michigan/Ohio St rivalry. He was a natural leader, a great player, thoughtful, kind, & larger than life."

Mangold's No. 74 jersey remained a popular one for fans to wear at games, even nine years after playing his final NFL game. He was active with charitable events and often dressed as Santa Claus for the team's holiday celebrations for children.

"Nick was the embodiment of consistency, strength, and leadership," Jets vice chairman Christopher Johnson said in a statement. "For over a decade, he anchored our offensive line with unmatched skill and determination, earning the respect of teammates, opponents and fans alike. His contributions on the field were extraordinary — but it was his character, humility, and humor off the field that made him unforgettable." Mangold is survived by his wife, Jennifer, and their four children Matthew, Eloise, Thomas and Charlotte. □



New York Jets center Nick Mangold (74) lines up against the New England Patriots during an NFL game at MetLife Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J. on Sunday, Dec. 27, 2015.

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Olympic GS champion Odermatt wins close duel with Schwarz to start World Cup season with victory

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SÖLDEN, Austria (AP) — Olympic champion Marco Odermatt held off a challenge by home crowd favorite Marco Schwarz to win the season-opening men's World Cup giant slalom in the Austrian Alps Sunday. In a weather-delayed final run, Odermatt built on his slim first-run advantage of 0.01 seconds to beat the Austrian by 0.24 for his 46th career win, and 27th in GS. It was Schwarz's first podium result in nearly two years, during which he suffered from knee and back injuries. Atle Lie McGrath of Norway finished 0.03 further back in third.

"It's the perfect start into a new season," Odermatt said. "This is very good for getting into the season, to have this confidence already back."

The second run started after an hour-long delay as snowfall vastly increased between the runs and course workers needed time to move the fresh snow off the race line. Low clouds also initially limited visibility for racers, who reach speeds approaching 75 kph (46.6 mph). "It was tough for everyone with the visibility, the little snowfall, the slope, but (course workers) did a good job and so did I," Odermatt said. "You had to ski smart from top to the bottom, two runs in total."

Organizers delayed the second-run start time by 30 minutes twice but ultimately gave the green light as conditions improved.

"They did a good job, I think it was quite a fair second run," Odermatt said. "I know I like these conditions when you have to fight."

Schwarz's teammate Stefan Brennsteiner was third after the opening run but lost one place in the second.

"It was a very strong performance from the Austrians, especially from 'Blacky', who is definitely back," said Odermatt, referring to Schwarz, who just failed to give home nation Austria its second victory to start the

World Cup season, a day after Julia Scheib won the women's race.

Schwarz was upbeat after a 22-month absence from the podium.

"It was an incredible tough time, a painful time, also mentally," Schwarz said. "I got under a lot of pressure, also from myself, so I am very happy to be second here." Two years ago, Odermatt and Schwarz had an intriguing battle in the overall standings. The Austrian was leading when he damaged his knee in a downhill crash and had to end his season in late December, as Odermatt went on to clinch the big crystal globe again.

Odermatt has won the GS

title in each of the past four seasons, but he skied out of the opening race last year, which ended with a Norwegian sweep of the podium. Last year's winner, Aleksander Steen Olsen, sat out Sunday's race with a persistent knee injury.

Lucas Pinheiro Braathen, who started his second season competing for Brazil since his switch from the Norwegian team, slipped and skied out of the course halfway through his first run. "It's a fine balance between intensity and control and precision, I miscalculated that today," said Pinheiro Braathen, who's chasing Brazil's first ever World Cup win in Alpine skiing.



Switzerland's Marco Odermatt celebrates at the finish area of an alpine ski, men's World Cup giant slalom, in Soelden, Austria, Sunday, Oct. 26, 2025.

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World champion Raphael Haaser placed sixth, while former overall champion Alexis Pinturault was 1.64 off the lead in 18th in the Frenchman's first race since January.

River Radamus was the only American starter who qualified for the second run, finishing 1.89 seconds behind

Odermatt in 21st.

Strong winds on the upper part of the course forced organizers to use a start gate lower down the mountain, reducing run times to less than a minute for the top racers.

The men's World Cup continues with a slalom in Levi, Finland, on Nov. 16. □



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For lunch, keep it easy with their handheld items like their Bacon and Cheddar Burger, Mediterranean Quesadillas or Street Tacos. Want a taste of the Caribbean? Try the Grouper Reuben; A local twist to the traditional Reuben, complete with rye bread, in-house 1000 island dressing, sauerkraut and grilled grouper, served with a side of Cajun Fries.

Dinner plans are set with Water's Edge mouthwatering dinner menu. Start your gastronomic journey with a scrumptious appetizer such as the Maryland Crab Cakes, maybe the Crispy Calamari or the delectable Coconut Shrimp. You can also opt for their Water's Edge House Wedge Salad or freshly made Shrimp Louie Salad, made with poached shrimp, tossed in Louie dressing, fresh avocados and vine ripe tomatoes. For something a bit heartier, try their classic French Onion Soup, Lobster Bisque or Crab and Corn Chowder.

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